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M.C.R., AN INCAPACITATED ADULT,

SHELLY A. LAINE, PETITIONER AND APPELLEE,

AND LAURINE MARCINKOWSKI, AN INTERESTED PERSON AND APPELLANT

# APPELLANT'S AMENDED <u>UNCONTESTED</u> RULE 26(2) MOTION FOR 60-DAY EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE BRIEF OF THE APPELLANT

Appellant Laurine Marcinkowski ("Appellant") moves the Court, pursuant to Rule 26(2) of the Montana Rules of Appellate Procedure, for a 60-day extension of time in which to file its Brief of the Appellant. Appellant's Brief is currently due to be served and filed August 16, 2010. The 60-day extension requested herein would provide for a due date of October 15, 2010.

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing *Appellant's Amended* <u>Uncontested</u> Rule 26(2) Motion for 60-Day Extension of Time to File Brief of the *Appellant* was mailed, postage fully prepaid thereon at Helena, Montana, on the 16th day of August, 2010, to:

James P. Reynolds Reynolds, Motl and Sherwood, P.L.L.P. 401 North Last Chance Gulch Helena, MT 59601

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#### AFFIDAVIT OF ROBERT CAMERON

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- I, Robert Cameron, being first duly sworn, depose and state under oath and penalty of perjury, as follows:
- 1. I am over 18 years of age, have first-hand knowledge of the facts set forth below, and am competent to testify regarding such matters.

- 2. I serve as counsel of record Appellant Laurine Marcinkowski and have been actively involved in all facets of this judicial review proceeding.
- 3. Appellant Laurine Marcinkowski has moved for an extension of time to file her opening brief.
- 4. The opening brief was originally due July 16, 2010, and is currently due August 16, 2010.
- 5. I have exercised diligence and will continue to exercise diligence on appeal. However, I have a substantial need for the extension based on two grounds.
  - a. My father suffered from a terminal illness and passed away in Ohio in May. I spent much of April and May in Ohio with my mother and father, and in arranging the funeral services; and much of June in assisting my mother with the practical and emotional aftermath. My full-time litigation schedule ground to a virtual standstill. Despite my exercise of considerable diligence, a backlog of work exists. In my opinion, little or no prejudice will result from a delay in resolution of this case, in contrast to other pending matters (e.g., custody cases involving the best interests of children).
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- 6. Thus, the Appellant has demonstrated both diligence and substantial need.
- 7. Consequently, I believe that to give all the attention due to this appeal, we must respectfully request this extension of time until November 15, 2010. If granted, we will file the opening brief within the time requested.
- 8. Counsel for all parties have been contacted and do not object to this extension.

Dated this 9th day of August, 2010.

Robert Cameron

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of August, 2010.

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